



## NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

This past week we witnessed some of the most astonishing hate this country has seen in a very long time. The events in Charlottesville, VA last weekend were shocking. White nationalism is dangerous and despicable, and has no place in our country. The president's response was also shocking. His failure to initially condemn the KKK and white supremacists was gutless. His comments on Tuesday, expressing a moral equivalence between neo-Nazis and those that oppose them, were a disgrace to our nation. If Mr. Trump and certain staffers in the White House think they can tear down everything America stands for, they are wrong. We will not let them extinguish America's beacon of hope and tolerance.

On Thursday, I held a town hall meeting in Manchester. I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with constituents about VA healthcare and the importance of higher education.



I reiterated my support for a full service VA medical center and will be introducing legislation in the coming weeks to require the VA to provide dental care to all enrolled veterans. Currently, the VA dental care eligibility rules restrict dental care to fewer than half of the veterans who are eligible for the full medical benefits package.

**White Nationalist Protests in Charlottesville, VA**

Unlike what Mr. Trump said on Saturday, there are not many sides to this story. This was clear evil. The cowards who are waving Nazi flags in Virginia are free thanks to my parents' generation of Nazi fighters. During World War II my dad's ship was hit by Nazis. Two hundred American sailors died, but he fought on. My uncle flew daylight bombing missions over Germany. My mom worked in a shipyard. Today I can speak out against fascism because they and their generation were heroes who saved us from Nazis.

On Tuesday, Mr. Trump said there were "very fine people" protesting alongside the neo-Nazis. No, Mr. President. Very fine people do not march with neo-Nazis.

I never thought we would hear such disgusting and outrageous comments from a President of the United States – comments that were immediately praised by David Duke, the former leader of the Ku Klux Klan. Tuesday's comments from Mr. Trump are a disgrace to our nation. Over the past week, the President has twice failed to condemn white supremacists' violence and terror, going so far as to suggest there is moral equivalence between neo-Nazis and those who protest hate.

This week, in response to Mr. Trump's failed moral leadership, I co-introduced a resolution to censure the president. The censure resolution condemns the President for his moral failure to clearly and forcefully repudiate white supremacists and those who support them. It condemns him for failing to immediately denounce the white supremacist, Ku Klux Klan, and neo-Nazi groups responsible for actions of domestic terrorism in Charlottesville over the weekend, and for doubling-down on his comments by attempting to create a moral equivalency between white supremacists and those counter-protesting the 'Unite the Right' rally.

#### **Manchester VAMC at CMC**

This week, the governor signed an executive order to facilitate allowing VA doctors to perform services at private medical facilities in New Hampshire. This will allow the VA to fully implement its agreement to lease operating room space at Catholic Medical Center. The VA's partnership with CMC is an important interim step toward ensuring that New Hampshire veterans can get the care they need without having to leave the state. It also helps address the VA's pressing need for space after facilities were damaged by last month's flood. I thank VA officials and CMC leadership for working together to accomplish this necessary step with the urgency our veterans expect and deserve.

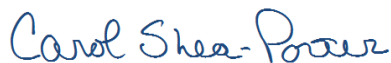
#### **Protecting Puppies with the Humane Society**

In July, after the discovery of inhumane conditions at an unregistered Great Dane puppy mill in Wolfeboro, I sent a letter to the governor asking him to revise New Hampshire's laws to include a reasonable threshold for the number of dogs permitted for breeding before a breeder is subject to inspections. I have dogs myself, and my heart broke looking at those sweet and innocent faces. I'm happy to say that we have been successful! The governor agreed and announced this week that he is backing stricter rules on commercial breeding.

#### **Closing Thoughts**

The tragic terrorist attacks in Spain this week remind us once again that there is evil in the world, and that we have to continue working with other countries and with their forces to uncover these plots before attacks happen, and then to work together so we can track down the perpetrators.

Best wishes,



Carol Shea-Porter  
Member of Congress

## This Week's Press Releases

- [Shea-Porter, 78 Members of Congress Introduce Censure Resolution Against President Trump for Charlottesville Comments](#)
- [Shea-Porter: President Trump's Charlottesville Comments "A Disgrace to Our Nation"](#)
- [Shea-Porter Applauds Emergency Exemption to Allow VA Care at Manchester's Catholic Medical Center](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement on White Nationalist Violence in Charlottesville, VA](#)

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### [Carol Shea-Porter condemns Barcelona terrorism](#)

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Across the world and here in New Hampshire, elected leaders are condemning the deadly attack in Spain. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, D-N.H., said her thoughts and prayers are with Barcelona.



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